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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF POTENTIAL IMPACT OF INCREASED
TAXATION FOR AMERICANS OVERSEAS

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BECAUSE OF THE TIME COMPRESSION TO COMPLETE THIS JOB,
REQUEST EMBASSY INITIATE ACTION TO GATHER INFORMATION
AS CALLED FOR IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRY SUMMARY OUTLINE:

1. EXTENT OF U.S. BUSINESS PRESENCE.

TO THE EXTENT DATA IS READILY AVAILABLE, OBTAIN
DATA TO SHOW CURRENT SITUATION AND CHANGES OVER 5
YEARS.

A. NUMBER OF U.S. OWNED OR CONTROLLED BUSINESS
OPERATIONS BY INDUSTRY SECTOR.

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B. NUMBERS OF U.S. EMPLOYEES AND TOTAL
EMPLOYEES OF U.S. COMPANIES.

C. NUMBERS OF OTHER U.S. CITIZENS EMPLOYED IN
THE COUNTRY, BY CATEGORIES (FOREIGN
GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.)

D. DATA ON U.S. OWNED OR CONTROLLED BUSINESS
OPERATIONS BY INDUSTRY GROUPING.

- (1) SALES
- (2) INVESTMENT
- (3) REPATRIATION OF PROFITS AND CAPITAL
- (4) IMPORTS TO THE COUNTRY
- (5) IMPORTS TO THE COUNTRY FROM U.S.

2. COUNTRY BUSINESS CLIMATE.

A. COUNTRY ECONOMIC DATA (TO THE EXTENT READILY
AVAILABLE; CURRENT AND CHANGES OVER LAST 5 YEARS)

- (1) GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT IN DOLLARS
- (2) POPULATION
- (3) BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
- (4) IMPORTS
- (5) IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.
- (6) EXPORTS
- (7) EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

B. UNIQUE DIFFICULTIES OF DOING BUSINESS
IN THE COUNTRY.

C. DEVELOPMENTS IN COMPETITION BETWEEN U.S.
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AND THIRD COUNTRY COMPANIES; TRENDS ON
DISPLACEMENT OF U.S. EMPLOYEES BY THIRD-
COUNTRY EMPLOYEES.

D. FACTORS IMPACTING ON U.S. TRADE WITH THE
COUNTRY, INCLUDING SECTION 911 TAX CHANGE;
HAVE TRADE OPPORTUNITIES BEEN LOST, IN
WHOLE OR IN PART, DUE TO THE TAX CHANGE?

3. COUNTRY INCOME TAX SITUATION.

DISCUSS TAX RATES, UNIQUE INCOME DEFINITIONS,
SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO FOREIGNERS,
RECENT OR POTENTIAL CHANGES IN TAX POLICY OR
ADMINISTRATION, AND HOW THE COUNTRY'S TAX SYSTEM
AFFECTS U.S. INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES.

4. COUNTRY HOUSING AND EDUCATION SITUATION.

A. DISCUSS RANGE OF TYPICAL COSTS FOR VARIOUS
CATEGORIES OF HOUSING, INCLUDING TRENDS IN
HOUSING COSTS. EXPLAIN ANY DIFFERENCES IN

HOUSING MARKET FOR FOREIGNERS AND LOCAL
NATIONALS. INCLUDE PICTURES OF TYPICAL
HOUSING.

B. DISCUSS AVILABILITY AND COSTS OF ADEQUATE
SCHOOL FACILITIES.

C. DISCUSS AVAILABILITY AND COSTS OF ADEQUATE
MEDICAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

5. IMPACT OF TAX CHANGE AS PERCEIVED BY THE COUNTRY
GOVERNMENT.

6. IMPACT OF TAX CHANGE ON U.S. GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.
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YOUR COOPERATION IN GATHERING THE ABOVE
INFORMATION IN ADVANCE OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO
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